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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: applicants arguments with regard to the cited art are not persuasive. Applicant's primary argument is that neither Matsubara nor Nishizawa meet the limitations of claim 19. However, claim 19 is broadly worded and mainly amounts to a conventional tension adjustment device, which may even read on a conventional backlash device found many motors or something similar to the previously cited Itagaki reference. Applicant argues that Matsubara does not partially compensate for rotational movement since it is primarily described as a vertical movement balancer. Nonetheless the springs, wire, and even the transmission belts and frames all meet the broad limitation "at least partially compensate" since the items compensate by at least a small deflection from any member movements whether they are vibrational, rotational or linear. Applicant argued that Nishizawa does not teach the compensation means in the foot part. However, based on applicant's use of "in the foot part" in which the compensating means (eccentrics and bands) is actually located in the shoulder section which would correspond to item 2, etc., in Nishizawa. Therefore this reference meets the limitation "in the foot part" and thus is properly used to reject the claims.